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The Honorable Tom Bradley
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Dear Mayor Bradley:

A Division of Lockheed Corporation

I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you on Monday, August 10, 1987 about our mutual environmental concerns.

Your letter of August 7 stated that we had not responded to your letter of May 15, 1987. In fact, as I indicated in our conversation, after a careful review by my key personnel I responded with a letter on June 8, 1987, a copy of which is enclosed as Attachment 1.

For your information, I would like to briefly highlight our efforts in this area. The Lockheed-California Company (Lockheed) has been working cooperatively with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (the "Board") since 1983 with regard to the underground tank leak detection program. We submitted the last of three reports to the Board in April 1985. Soil samples were taken at 138 sites of underground tanks, sumps and clarifiers and the detailed findings are set forth in the reports. I would be pleased to provide copies of the reports directly to your office if you so desire.

Following a review of the findings, in August 1985 the Board requested Lockheed to develop a ground water monitoring plan. We submitted a plan in September of 1985 and received the Board's comments on it in December of 1985, Attachment 2. Please note as highlighted on page 3 of this attachment, the Board's concurrence with our plan. In January, 1986 we met with representatives of the Board, the City of Los Angeles (Watermaster), and the City of Burbank, and reviewed their concerns and suggestions. At that meeting all parties agreed that the Board would be the lead agency.

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On February 18, 1986 we met with the Board, the City of Los Angeles and the City of Burbank to review our revisions to the plan which addressed their comments. Formal approval of the revised plan and direction to proceed was subsequently issued by the February 24, 1986, Attachment 3. Please note as highlighted on page 1 of this attachment, the Board's approval. For your information the revised plan resulted in our drilling 12 wells (an average of 500 feet deep) and extracting samples (16 depth specific samples from each well) of the groundwater beneath our premises. During this effort, representatives of the Board, the City of Los Angeles and the City of Burbank visited some of the drilling sites and observed our operations.

The results of our underground water sampling program were contained in a two volume report filed with the Board on April 30, 1987. At this time a meeting was held with representatives of the Board, the City of Los Angeles and the City of Burbank. I would be pleased to provide directly to your office a copy of the two volume report if you so desire. By letter of May 5, 1987, Attachment 4, the Board advised that it would forward its comments to us when it reviewed the report and received any comments the other interested agencies may have. Your attention is directed to the highlighted part of page 1 of this attachment. first time we received any substantive written comments on our report was on August 7, 1987, only a few days ago. We are currently preparing our response as noted below.

On April 30, 1987 we were requested to install four additional upgradient wells and to conduct verification sampling of the original 12 wells. We expect to complete the installation of the four additional wells this week. The verification sampling of the original 12 wells is scheduled to commence this week and is due to be completed by October 9, 1987. Our report to be filed in mid-December will also include data on the sampling of the four additional wells.

Your May 15, 1987 letter expressed the desire that we cooperate with Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles, and was responded to by my letter of June 8, 1987, as noted above. As a result of your letter, on July 16, 1987 representatives of the City of Los Angeles met

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with my staff personnel and reviewed the LADWP's request that we accelerate our efforts. On August 7, 1987 as noted above, we received a letter from the Board, Attachment 5, and a letter dated August 7, 1987 from you and Councilman Marvin Braude.

To date Lockheed has expended approximately \$2.3 million in an effort to analyze the complex soil and water conditions underlying Lockheed's facility. As I am sure you can appreciate, it is important to all parties that the issues be addressed in a technically sound manner.

We are proceeding to address the immediate issues with regard to the soil and water conditions in the vicinity of our Building 175 and will be filing an outline of a remedial action plan with the Board on August 21, 1987 and the detailed remedial action plan on September 18, 1987 as requested by the Water Concurrently, Quality Control Board. we are proceeding to address the overall issues with regard to the findings in our April 30, 1987 report. In this regard we are in the process of selecting an environmental engineering firm to promptly perform a site characterization and assess the appropriate remedial technologies. I believe that it is important to allow the proper technology professional judgment to be applied in a sound manner so as to achieve an effective resolution of our mutual environmental concerns.

In summary, Lockheed has been proceeding in complete cooperation with the Water Quality Control Board and has already expended over \$2 million to determine the appropriate course of future action. Lockheed has been a responsible member of this community for over 50 years. The company and its thousands of employees share your concerns about the environment. We plan to be a responsible member of this community for many years to come and look forward to a continuing close working relationship with your office.

Sincerely,

R. R. Héppe

Attachments

cc: Marvin Braude (w/attachments)

Duane Georgeson - LADWP (w/attachments)

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